

SENATE BILL 1112

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
relative to body cameras for law enforcement
officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) A law enforcement officer shall, at all times when the officer is on duty, wear a wide-angle body camera and shall use it to record video footage of the officer's activities.

(b) A video recording made under this section shall not be duplicated or made available to the public by a law enforcement agency until final disposition of any criminal charges that arise from the event or events that were recorded. If the video recording does not contain evidence of a crime, the law enforcement agency shall treat the video recording as any other law enforcement document for the purpose of confidentiality.

(c) Video recordings shall not be divulged or used by any law enforcement agency for any commercial purpose.

(d) The law enforcement agency that employs the officer shall maintain video footage from the camera for at least seven (7) days, and shall not destroy the video footage if it contains evidence that may be used in the investigation of a crime or a complaint against an officer.

(e) A law enforcement agency shall pay the cost of implementing this section only by grants, private donations, or federal funding. If grants, private donations, and

federal funding are not available to a law enforcement agency for this purpose, this section shall not apply to that agency.

(f) As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" means any person authorized to effectuate an arrest who is employed by the state, or a county, municipality, or metropolitan form of government.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.